Richmond Dispatch.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCU-LATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY.

SATURDAY MARCH 16, 1878

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR To-DAY .- For the Middle States, rising barometer, colder north westerly winds, and clear or party cloudy weather will prevail, followed during Satur day by falling barometer and winds shift ing to warmer southwest or southeast. For the South Atlantic and East Gulf

States, rising followed by falling barometer, variable winds, warmer and partly cloudy by southeasterly winds and rain-areas.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY Was partly cloudy and cooler.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 48: 9 A. M., 51; noon, 58; 3 P. M., 57; 6 P. M., 53; midnight, 47.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE TELEPHONE-EASY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN RICHMOND AND NORPOLE .- Mr. J. Kates, superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company for this division, vesterday evening gave a number of gentlemen-ministers of the gospel, newspaper move about the room with the telephone at race upon former estimates. his ear or mouth. The telephone can be used with equal convenience at the mouth, as a speaking-trumpet to transmit your words to the person with whom you are in communication, or as a ear-trumpet to hear what he says. For one person two of these phones are provided. One is usually held at the ear; the other at the mouth. For greater distinctness in hearing one can be applied to each ear.

Messrs. Kates and Paynter conducted the experiment at this end of the line, while Mr. N. C. Pamplin ("old Nick"), the manager of the telegraph office at Norfolk, operated down there. Nearly every word uttered at Norfolk could be heard with a phone at your ear. Monosyllables and short sentences were heard with perfect clearness. Long sentences were heard about as well as when two persons, separated by a common stud-partition, are shouting to each other. Conversation could be carried on without difficulty, and only now and

Our reporter asked, "Who are you?" Promptly came the answer, "Nick Pamplin." To the inquiry, "How are you?' he responded, "Very well. How are you?" All these words and hundreds more passed between the two points with remarkable distinctness. One of the Richmond party (a newspaper reporter) sang a verse of "The Broken Spell," and a Norfolk voicea very sweet one-responded with the "Last Rose of Summer." The tunes and words were very clear. The Norfolk party requested that Mr. John Redford should come to the instrument and sing them a song. Mr. Redford was sent for, and with characteristic politeness responded promptly, and sang one or two verses of "Good-Bye, Sweetheart." One of our party asked Norfolk, "How is that?" The answer was, "Splendid." Soon after this, at each office gathered a quartette. Our folks here sang the Sweet Power; third solo, "Molly Bawn," G. Martin, George M. Todd, Frank in the manner indicated. Craig, and W. A. Power; second quar-Johnson, and Walter N. Taylor. Solo, Elliott; solo, "Katie Lee," by Frank Craig; last solo, "The Old Friar," was by Mr. The last solo particularly was as distinct,

though, of course, not as loud, as if the singer and hearers bad been in the same

These persons here acquainted with Mr. Pamplin recognized his voice whenever be talked. At the conclusion of one of Mr. Redford's songs a member of our party asked Mr. Pamplin: "Do you know who that was singing?" "Yes," said be, "Redford." Mr. Pamplin lived in Richmond several years, and knows Mr. Redford well.

Towards the close of the entertainment all the participants became quite hoarse. The Norfolk gentlemen thereupon recommended that the Richmonders retire and refresh themselves.

In the singing it will be understood that each singer put a 'phone to his mouth and each hearer put one or more to his ear. That is the great advantage of this particuiar telephone—the 'phone can be applied

with equal facility to mouth or ear. It is not claimed that the telephone will work with complete satisfaction at any distance greater than fifty miles. Therefore the trial of yesterday evening, when 105 miles separated the two parties, and when the sounds were in the main reproduced with accuracy, goes to prove that for the shorter distances for which it is designed it

will succeed admirably.

CONTRACT FOR GRADING AWARDED .- The joint Committee on Streets of the City Council has awarded the contract for grading Pleasant street between Twenty-third and Venable street, and Scott street between Venable and Turner street—about twelve thousand yards—to A. L. Phillips, at eigh—There are other parts of the city v teen and a half cents per cubic yard.

MUDDY WATER .- The promise given to the people when the appropriation to build On Jackson from Fourth to Third; Jackson a new reservoir was made is not being kept. from St. James to Price; Foushee from half The water is now as muddy as ever. It seems | way to Broad; and on First from Grace that no good is accomplished by having two half way to Broad. The opinion of the It is expected that a number of lady memapartments.

DAILY DISPARCH.

VOL. LIII. THE HEALTH OF BICHMOND.

Interesting Annual Report of the

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS-IM-PORTANCE OF CLEANING THE STREETS OF DEATHS FROM MIASMATIC CAUSES-SOIL SATURATIONS-RECOMMENDATIONS NANCE-VENTILATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWER S-SHOCKOE CREEK-SCARLET-FEVER, DIPHTHERIA, AND SMALL-POX, &c., &c.

The annual report of the Board of Health-Dr. J. G. Cabell president-has been forwarded to the Hou. W. C. Carrington, Mayor of the city. During the year 1,904 weather, and possibly followed in the latter living births took place, and 153 still-births were reported, making an aggregate of 2,053 births. The number of marriages was

The number of deaths for 1877 corresponds exactly with that of 1876. The increase of population would lead us naturally to anticipate a larger number of deaths. Our city, says the Board, suffered from the prevalence of two diseases-viz., measles and scarlet-fever-from which for several years we have been particularly exempt: the loss of life thus occasioned amounted to 51 persons. Our estimate of the population of the city at the midthe year 1877 is 77,500white, 44,400; colored, 33,100. The death rate per 1,000 of the entire population is reporters, merchants, and others—an op- 21.27—of the white, 15.54, and of the colportunity to test the practical operations of ored 28.67. We think we are warranted, the telephone. The wires were those of the in the absence of any new census returns, Western Union Telegraph Company ex- in stating that the population of this city is tending from his private office here to Pe- fully equal to, if not above, the estimate tersburg, and thence to the company's made. We learn that our public-school office in Norfolk-a distance of one hun- accommodations are inadequate for our dedred and five miles. The instrument mands, while the number of private schools, used was that belonging to the Gold and in place of diminishing, has steadily in-Stock Telegraph Company, of New York, creused. The spirit of economy induced It is not larger than a man's hand. It is of many beads of families to become joint tengutta-percha, and is about one inch in thick- ants of houses. The large increase in the On one side is a circular cavity, number of dwellings erected, and the few which is big enough to cover the mouth or of such which are vacant, shows that there the greater part of the ear. It is connected must have been a large accession to populawith the iron telegraph-wires by a kerite or tion. In our estimate of the added populaflexible wire, which enables a person to tion we have given a ratable increase of each

CLEANING OF THE STREETS. During the year 43,095 loads of ashes,

garbage, and street-sweepings were removed. Owing to the large deposit remaining in the streets and alleys in the flooded district after the subsidence of the 25.3 feet above the usual high tide, we were compelled to neglect other parts of the city and confine our labors to that particular lo- this year to Broad. In constructing either Richmond and Danville railroad companies, | will gladly bear a share of the cost of perthe work was satisfactorily accomplished. manently improving that section. Independently of the emergency which thus arose requiring this additional force, our experience convinces us that it would expedient to transfer a jarger force from the chain-gang to the Board for the cleaning of the streets and alleys. Interest and humanity alike require that every possible facility should be supplied to free the city from causes likely to engender disease. Sickness alone entails upon a community great pecuniary sacrifices, and death takes away according to the capacity of the victim's energy, profit, and influence. The number of lives which may thus be saved by more active hygienic measures will increase in proportion to the means employed. The losses, anguish, and suffering consequent on sickness and death thus avoided will be appreciated by all classes.

DEATHS FROM MIASMATIC CAUSES. We call your especial attention, says the Board, to the marked decrease in the number of deaths from miasmatic causes in the past year. In the year 1871, with a much smaller population, there were 464 deaths Bye-and-Bye, solo and chorus, and the quar- ascribed to diseases of this character, while tette the Pirate's Glee, and solos Kathleen in 1877 only 367 were so recorded. This Mayourneen and When the Swallows Home- class of affections is placed under the head of ward Fly, quartette. The Norfolk party preventable diseases, and are recognized as furnished us with the following, giving being mainly caused by filth, want of drainthe names of their songs and singers on the age, and imperfect ventilation-all of which occasion: First solo, "What Will You Do, | can be remedied. The removal of ashes Love?" by Mr. W. A. Power; second solo, and garbage, the partial introduction of "Wearing of the Green," by Mr. W. A. sewers, and the more regular cleansing of by the public streets, have been the cause of same; duet, "Lost Proscribed," from the this improvement in the general health of opera of Martha, Messrs. W. A. Power the city. Under these circumstances we and G. G. Martin; first quartette, "Oft most earnestly appeal to you to strengthen our hands by increasing our laboring force

The increased immunity from diseases of tette, "Genevieve," song and chorus, this character, which by a thorough and Messrs. George G. Martin, George M. Todd, systematic cleaning of the city will be se-Walter N. Taylor, and Frank Craig; third cured, will compensate a thousand-fold the quartette, "Sweet Bye-and-Bye," Messrs. small outlay to be required. Immediately George G. Martin, George M. Todd, Walter after the subsidence of the freshet the in-N. Taylor, and Warren G. Elliott; fourth spector of the flooded district examined all quartette, "Joys We've Tasted," Messrs. the cellars, and gave orders to have them George G. Martin, George M. Todd, W. S. clensed. As soon as the walls become sufficiently dry orders will be issued to "Simon the Cellarer," by Mr. Warren G. lime-wash them; and to use slacked lime upon all dirt floors. We suggest that some carbolic acid in solution be used in the lime-wash.

> SEWER FACILITIES AND SOIL-SATURATION. The Board next refer to the lack of sewer facilities in that section of the city lying between Broad street and Brook avenue and the northern and western limits of the city. The soil is saturated with liquid from sinks, &c.; the air filled with the emanations from these receptacles of effete matter, which, even under the benign influ- than that our municipal authorities will ence of a bright sun, are still unmistakable; | consider the suggestions we have from time while at night, without that purifying influence, they are intensified and walted deemed advisable, adopt means to carry held, it appeared that only two hundred mto every dwelling. The residents in this district are debarred in many instances from having any basements or cellars to their houses. For years past, notably in the last, that district has suffered from diseases produced by causes above referred to. Repeated personal examinations have convinced us that no other part of the city is Padge, Mary Patterson, 1023 St. Mary street; from the record to pay no rent.

troduction of sewers. We are justified in urging prompt action from the urgent and repeated appeals made to this office by physicians. The number ford Redd, Julia Robinson, Ed. J. Rose, of deaths from typhoid- and scarlet-fever, diphtheria, and other diseases, which have calamities of the past year. We recommend that a sewer be made on Gilmer street. commencing at a point half way between Broad and Marshall streets, and extending to Bacon's Quarter branch, with lateral branch-

There are other parts of the city which suffer to a less extent from similar evils, and wives, who are matrons, and three delewe content ourselves by suggesting that gates, one of whom must be a lady, from sewers be made on the following streets: the different subordinate granges. There Board should be secured as to the immedi- bers will be present. SENT TO THE ALMSHOUSE.—The boy who was mentioned in the Dispatch yesterday as being in the custody of the husband of Eliza Chalkley, the colored woman who was found drowned in the dock on Thursday, has, through the instrumentality of Councilman Metzger, been sent to the city almshouse.

Board should be secured as to the immediate and imperative wants of particular localities, before any definite action be taken as to the extent to which sewer facilities are supplied during the year. It is to be presumed the Board of Health is familiar with the influences which operate in particular sections to affect the public health, and whether they may be relieved by sewers.

DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors of the Old Dominion Insurance Company have declared a dividend of twenty-five per cent. on the capital stock of the company in distribution of its assets, psyable on and after Tuesday next.

WATER ORDINANCE.

THE THEATRE—RAYMOND.—On Wedness that if the city day night next Mr. John T. Raymond, the distinguished company in distinguished company in distinguished company in distribution of its assets, psyable on and after Tuesday next.

Cases from Meigs vs. McClung, 9th Cranch's Reports, down to Cooley vs. O'Conner, in Ware; B. D. Crump, Chesterfield; R. M. Reports, down to Cooley vs. O'Conner, in Ware; B. D. Crump, Chesterfield; R. M. Reports, down to Cooley vs. O'Conner, in Wallace, in which the United States courts have exercised jurisdiction in just distinguished comedian, will appear at the Supreme Court. He then sanction of the Supreme Court. He then shows that the Supreme Courts of Virginia, shows that the Supreme Courts of Virginia, to insurers by this company in sold accuratives of insurers by this company in sold its convenient system of an Reports, down to Cooley vs. O'Conner, in Wallace, in which the United States Courts have exercised jurisdiction in just courts have exercised jurisdiction in just destinguished comedian, will appear at the courts have exercised jurisdiction in just double of Arlington, with the Supreme Court. He then shows that the Supreme Courts of Virginia, shows that the Supreme Courts of Virginia, to insurer by this company in sold insurers by this company in connection; ware; B. D. Crump, Chesterfield; R. M. Reports, day night next Mr. John T. Raymond, the Courts of Virginia, the class state of insurers by this company in connection; and the courts of the connection ware; B. D. Crump, Chesterfield; R. M. Reports of Courts of Virginia, the class state of insurers by this company in connection; and its insurers by this company in connection; and its insurers by this company in connection; and its insurers by the connection, and its insurers by the co

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water-mains. As the use of a closet connected with the public sewer is a nuisance unless supplied with an abundant flow of water, and as the Board is required to cause the connection to be made, a question presents itself whether it would net be judicious to enact a similar provision requiring the owners of property to introduce water upon the premises. The wells of the city are generally contaminated, and the sooner their use is discontinued the better for the general health. It is to be regretted that the public hydrants in different sections of the city have been discontinued. We respectfully suggest that they be again allowed to flow. The blessings of pure water are inestimable, and our city fathers should supply the needy with this element, or be prepared to enlarge the acommodations at the almshouse.

The Board renews its recommendation as to the introduction of ventilating tubes connected with the sewers where new dwellings are erected and closets put in. The health of families is involved in this question. The remedy for apprehended evils from sewer-gas is simple, and, compared statement of facts: to the advantages secured, of slight cost.

VENTILATION OF PUBLIC SEWERS.—SHOCKOE

This can be accomplished in two waysone by erecting ventillating tubes in the sides of buildings and carried above the roof; the other by introducing perforated covers to the man-holes at the intersection of the streets. These expedients adopted, we may confidently dismiss our fears as to any apprehended injury from sewer-gas in our houses. The health authorities of all large cities acknowledge the necessity of providing free ventilation to the sewers. In several, the modes we suggest have been adopted; in others, the subject occupies their attention. A conference of the Board with the City Engineer and the permanent Secretary of the State Board of Health has resulted in the recommendation of a plan which, in their combined opinion, will remove the danger of sewergas. Greatly impressed with the importance of this subject, we requested the City Engineer to prepare drawings to explain the manner in which this may be accomplished, which has been done, and they are submitted to the Council with explanations.

The Board next refers to Shockoe creek, and says that if the finances of the city do not justify the construction of a large covered culvert over it in its passage throughout the city we respectfully repeat the suggestion that its course be defined and narrowed so as to render the flow of water more rapid, and freshet of November, when the river rose thus better convey the contents of the sewers. The Board asks that operations be commenced at Union street and be extended cality. Some thirty days were thus con- a brick or stone culvert in that locality, it is sumed. The labor attending the removal thought that it will be necessary to build of the mud was very great; but with the upon piles, and work now done will answer cooperation of the Fire Department and the hereafter for the superstructure. The value City Engineer, who transferred his whole of the adjoining property will be greatly force, and the facilities afforded by the Rich- advanced by such an improvement, and it mond, York River and Chesapeake and the is reasonable to presume that the owners

DIPHTHERIA AND SCARLET-FEVER. should the body be taken to the church, and the funeral should be as private as possible, all young persons being excluded. Early burials should in all such cases be encouraged. Until the passage of an ordinance requiring physicians to report diseases of this character no action can be taken by the Board to require early burials. SMALL-POX.

To the thoughtless it may seem useless to call attention to the dangers to be apprehended from small-pox, as no case appeared last year in this city. But as our annual report is the proper channel in which we can give our views, not only to your bodies, but to the public, we avail ourselves of this medium to urge upon our citizens the necessity of having their infant children vaccinated. No child should be allowed to attain the age of four months without being vaccinated. All prudent persons would avail themselves of its protecting influence at a much earlier

The Board next refers to the police sanitary inspectors, their increased efficiency in the discharge of their duties, and the importance of the positions they occupy. Accompanying the report of the Board is the report of the Assistant Superintendent of the Chain-Gang.

The Board concludes its report by exgiven for the improvement of the public health may be heeded. None but physicians and boards of health pay much atten-

tion to these subjects. The laws governing hygiene are simple, and can be comprehended by anyone. Our communities are not aroused to the importance of the subject until an epidemic makes its appearance and its ravges are shown. Then it is that municipal authorities, appreciating their dereliction in the past in not clothing its health organizations with sufficient discretion, rush forward and bestow unlimited powers; but in many instances at too late a date. Cleanliness of persons, and cleanliness of honses and premises, ventilation and admission of sunlight, with proper drainage, will secure a standard of health as high as is compatible with the laws of God. We urge nothing further them out.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS .- Among the unclaimed letters and postals remaining in the in more immediate want of relief by the in-troduction of sewers.

John M. Petitt, A. B. Pierce, Miss Nannie Pleasants, care of Judge G. W. Pleasants;

Eppa Robinson. advertised every Saturday.

RICHMOND DISTRICT POMONA GRANGE.subordinate granges, whose trade-centre is Bacon's Quarter branch, with lateral states of the son Catherine, Leigh, Clay, and Marshall Grange, Crenshaw's Patrons warehouse, streets. The city will be amply repaid for at 12 o'clock M. on Tuesday. It is compatible to the transfer of the property. posed of masters and past masters and their are several very important matters, we learn, to come up at this meeting, and no doubt it will be a very interesting occasion,

ARLINGTON.

Decision in an Interesting Case.

JUDGE HUGHES'S OPINION AS TO THE JU-RISDICTION OF HIS COURT TO TRY THE EJECTMENT SUITS-THE FATE OF THE ESTATE DECIDED, AS FAR AS IT CAN BE BY THIS TRIBUNAL, AND IN FAVOR OF CUSTIS LEE-AN APPEAL TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT CERTAIN.

In the case of G. W. C. Lee against Kauffman and others, involving the question of title of the Arlington estate, Judge Robert W. Hughes, sitting as United States Circuit-Court Judge, on yesterday gave his opinion on a highly important preliminary PACTS OF THE CASE.

In his decision, which is able and elabo rate (it would fill nine or ten columns of this paper), Judge Hughes makes the following

The late G. W. Parke Custis was the Adequate means should also be provided owner in fee of the tract of eleven hundred acres of land which is the subject of this controversy. It is known as the Arlington estate. It is situated south of the Potomac river, in Alexandria county, Va., and forms a conspicuous object in the landscape which presents itself to the eye in looking southward from the Capitol at Washington. It is an estate of considerable value and of profound historical interest.

Mr. Custis, who died in 1857, devised this estate to his only child, Mrs. Mary A. R. Lee, wife of General Robert E. Lee, to be beld during the term of her natural life, and at her death to the present plaintiff, G. W. Custis Lee, to be held in fee.

During the civil war, this estate, with the Arlington mansion, was unoccupied by its wner, Mrs. Lee, who was then living; and the title did not pass to her son until 1873 the date of her death.

On the 5th of August, 1861, the United States Congress passed "An act to provide increased revenue from imports to pay interest on the public debt, and for other purposes," and on the 7th of June, 1862, passed An act for the collection of direct taxes n insurrectionary districts within the United States, and for other purposes," and on the 6th of February, 1863, enacted still another law, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the collection of direct taxes in insurrectionary districts within the United States, and for other purposes." " The first-named law imposed direct tax of \$20,000,000 upon the United States, and apportioned to Virginia the sum of \$987,552.67. The tax imposed on Arling-

ton was \$92.07. On the 11th day of January, 1864, the whole estate of 1,100 acres was sold for the payment of this tax by John W. Hawxnurst, Gillett F. Watson, and A. J. Foster, who were the duly appointed and confirmed direct tax commissioners of the United States for Virginia. The price bid by the Government was \$26,800-an amount exceeding the means of any friend of the owner who might have desired to buy in the property for him. It was so bought in by the tax commissioners, under authority of that clause of the act of Congress of February 6, 1863, which empowered the Under this heading the Board says: Last Government, at such a sale as this was, to year we felt warranted in calling attention purchase lands which might be selected by morning about 3 o'clock by a party whom to means of disinfection (in cases where the President "for Government use, for war, these diseases appeared) as likely to pre-vent a dissemination of the contagion. We military, naval, revenue, charitable, educa-tional, or police purposes. The United States again urge that the same precautions be at once took possession of the estate, and used, but in addition, in case of death from has held it ever since; no part of the pureither of these maladies, notice should be chase-money which would have remained, given of the cause of death, and in no case after deducting the tax, baving ever been paid over either to the life-tenant or remainder-man.

The estate is now occupied by Frederick Kaufman, R. P. Strong, and about 200 other persons. Against all these by name, as defendants, the plaintiff, in April last, brought two actions of ejectment (now treated as one) in the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, Va., having postponed his suit until within the last year of the period of five years, after which it would in some of its objects have been barred by the statute of

THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

The case proceeded there to issue, and hereupon was removed by certiorari to the Federal court. where the Attorney-General of the United States intervened in behalf of the United States by suggestion, showing that the Government held by record title, obtained by purchase at a tax sale in 1864, and was in possession for public purposes; raising the question whether this suit, beng in fact a suit against the Government, | county. could proceed, and moving to dismiss for want of jurisdiction. To this suggestion the plaintiff demurred and answered, and the case was heard and argued at Alexandria on the suggestion and the demurrer.

The decision rendered here yesterday was confined to the law questions arising in the pressing the hope that the advise heretofore case as it stands upon the record. The turfed. court held that the suggestion did not of itself defeat the jurisdiction, but that the forty-nine civil warrants of various descripcourt might look into the record to discover | tions yesterday. the grounds of the Government's title and of its right to intervene.

Accordingly, the Court proceeded to inquire whether the Government held the each district, under the command of Serestate in its sovereign or in a private cha- geant Parater, will head the St. Patrick'sracter; and, in the latter event, whether it Day celebration. held the estate for public purposes.

THE SOVEREIGN POWER.

The cession of State jurisdiction was never obtained, not even from the Alexandria government, says the Judge. No provisions of law looking to establishing the A very handsome residence. sovereign jurisdiction of the United States | completed on Franklin street near Foushee over Arlington has been complied with; for Patrick H. Starke, Esq. and the Court showed from Vattel, Story, the Attorney-General's opinion, and many other authorities, that the Government held Arlington by private tenure. Inquiring district. to time made, and, if in their wisdom into the purposes for which the estate is acres of the estate (which contains eleven hundred acres) are used for an apparently public purpose-that is to say, the sacred purpose of a national cemetery-the rest Richmond post-office are those addressed as being only in the nominal use of the Gov- two houses who stated to him that the Genfollows: J. F. Nuckols, Mrs. Delpha Nel- ernment, being actually occupied by some eral Assembly had completed its labors, and son, A. Ostwald, J. Henry Palmer (2), Mary two bundred poor people, who would seem

The Judge then proceeds to examine whether a sovereign power can be sued in- gratified at the conclusion of their labors, Charles E. Post, T. L. Powell, W. T. Pur- directly in respect to property held either by or that the moment for adjournment had arsovereign or private tenure. He shows that rived; but the majority saw and appreciated in proceedings in rem this can be done in the point, no doubt.

this country whenever, in the service of Every legislator, every officer of the It may be stated for the information of mesne process, the procession is not wrested Government, every citizen, every reporter, the readers of the Dispatch that the lists from the Government, and that though in everybody indeed who has a question to ask us in being earnest in our endeavors to of unclaimed letters, etc., occasionally in- England in admiralty causes the consent of about legislative affairs or business to transsecure such legislation on the part of the serted in the local department of this paper the Government is required to be obtained; act with the office of the clerk of the House Council as will relieve it in future from the do not include those which are regularly yet that consent is generally given, as a of Delegates, will concede that there is in matter of course. He shows that in other this land no more accommodating officials suits respecting personal property the than John Bell Bigger and his brother, W. United States Supreme Court has, in many J. Bigger. No matter how busy they are This Grange, composed of the different cases, beginning with Osborn vs. The United or how severely their patience is taxed they States Bank, ruled that the suit may pro- have always time to be civil and agreeable Richmond, will meet in the hall of Blanton | ceed whenever the sovereign is not a de- to those who approach them. And the same fendant named in the record.

A WRIT OF RIGHT. Judge shows that the decisions of the Eng- best parliamentarians in the State. lish courts, which hold that ejectment will not lie against the Crown, are not applica- sion General Mercer White, of Hanover, ocble in this country; that the present action | cupied the Speaker's chair of the House, and is in the nature of a writ of right, and is under his benign administration the busionly ejectment in name under the State ness of the body went forward with as

by special request give one of his delightful entertainments to night at the Union-Station church for the benefit of the Ladies' Sewing Circle. This will probably be the last opportunity the people in the vicinity of Union Hill will have of seeing and hearing this youthful genius.

Coming, then, to the final question whether the Government may be indirectly sued there the Government may be indirectly sued that the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and there the Government may be indirectly sued there the Government may be indirectly sued that the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and there the Government may be indirectly sued that the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and there the Government may be indirectly sued that the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and there the Government may be indirectly sued that the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and there the Government may be indirectly sued that the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and there the Government may be indirectly sued that the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and there the Government may be indirectly sued that the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and there the Government may be indirectly sued that the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and there the Government may be indirectly sued that the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were John H. Duke and the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yes the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yes the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange

Louisiana, Illinois, California, and other Itioneership at the Tobacco Exchange, made States, have supported the rulings of the United States Supreme Court in the exercise of such jurisdiction. The Judge declares that he is bound by these authorities to hold that this cause may proceed to issue. on the merits, and to sustain the plaintiff's

demurrer to the Attorney-General's sugges-

IMPORTANCE OF THE OPINION. The Judge said that he had studied the authorities with more solicitude from the circumstance that all the tax-titles derived from the tax commissioners who sold Arlington to the Government had been practically overthrown by the decisions of the Supreme Court in Bennett vs. Hunter, in

Wallace, and that the fate of the Government's tenure of Arlington seemed to depend upon this question of jurisdiction. In conclusion, Judge Hughes said: A case of such consequence will naturally ascend from this forum to the tofty and most profoundly revered tribunal of ultimate resort provided by the Constitution

9th Wallace, and Tacey vs. Irwin, in 18th

of the United States.

With firm judicial confidence, I sustain the demurrer of the plaintiff in this cause, and direct that it shall proceed to trial on the merits. If then it shall go up to the Supreme Court, as I doubt not it will do I shall console myself with the memorable reflection of Lord Nottingham in the case of the Duke of Norfolk: "I am not ashamed to have made this decision, nor will I be

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS .- An excursion-train will be run from Petersburg Monday, the day of the St. Patrick celebration. The very latest and most recherché note-

wounded if it should be reversed."

paper is of shell pink. By the repairs being made to the stage at Mozart Hall that popular place of amusement will be greatly improved.

The costumes at the grand bal masque of the Jefferson Literary Society will be numerous and of the most elegant description. Nothing definite will be done in the matter of the organization of a Young Men's Jockey Club until after the spring races at Pimlico and elsewhere.

The Richmond Grays had a fine drill last night. They will celebrate their forthcoming anniversary with more than the usual Hines and Myrtle Lodges, Knights of

Pythias, had interesting meetings last night. Work on the new paper-mill in rear of the Shockoe warehouse is progressing very favorably. The stockholders of the James River and Kanawha canal adjourned over yesterday

without transacting any business of impor-The sales of loose tobacco at Shockoe vesterday were 100,000 hs.; bighest price, \$8.

At the Patrons 20,000 hs. were sold; highest price, \$6.75. The favorite bouquet flowers for the Lenten season are violets and pansies.

Business yesterday on the Basin-bank was quite lively, and a number of boats were receiving and discharging cargoes. Forewarned is forearmed, &c. The almanac predicts snow to-day.

The walls of the chapel of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum have been beautifully frescoed, and the chapel otherwise improved. Mr. E. P. Odell, living on Brook avenue near Baker street, was fired upon yesterday he caught in his ben-house and pursued The little child of Mr. F. W. Clarke, liv-

ing on Franklin street near Seventeenth, who fractured her shoulder Thursday night, was reported improving yesterday. A line of coaches to Hollywood, to connect with the Venable-Street line at the postoffice, is spoken of. Fare, five cents.

The attractive soirées of the "Occasional" Club have been discontinued until after Lent. Easter-Monday night will be duly celebrated. Shockoe-Hill Cemetery is as clean as a

new pin, and the good weather of the past week has made it an attractive place of re-The old wooden shanty on Broad street near Sixth, which has been a great eye-sore,

has been torn down to make room for a handsome stock-brick store and dwelling. Since February 1st \$9,968 have been paid into the city treasury for licenses on vehicles, dogs, and goats. No business of importance was trans-

acted in Henrico County Court yesterday. Andrew Jackson, sent from Loudoun county, was received at the penitentiary yesterday to serve out a term of three years for burglary and larceny, and four years for setting fire to the jail of Loudoun

meet at the court-house to-day and submit their reports. Overseers will also be appointed by Judge Minor for the ensuing two years. The slopes of the roadways of Libby Hill

leading from Main street are being nicely Acting Justice Crutchfield disposed of

The collections of United states internal revenue yesterday amounted to \$3,942.40.

A detachment of nine policemen from The oyster fleet in the dock was aug-

mented by the arrival yesterday of two sloops from York river. The indefatigable Master Ralph Bingham had another large audience last night at the

A very handsome residence is just being Albert Michaels, Esq., formerly a wellknown citizen of Richmond, was yesterday elected a justice of the peace for Tuckahoe

PERSONAL.-Governor Holliday left for his old home, in Winchester, yesterday morning, and will be absent about ten days. That was a good thing the Governor said when, in response to the committee of the was ready to adjourn, he responded that he was much gratified. It left some legislators, it is true, in doubt whether he was

ute clerk of the House, who is one of the Proceeding to suits concerning lands the pleasantest of gentlemen as he is one of the A day or two before the close of the ses-

law; and that the English decisions, in much smoothness as ever before. The Genholding that ejectment will not lie, but that eral isn't much of a parliamentarian-he petition of right will lie, really prove that lacks practice—but he knows well enough by special request give one of his delightful the Crown may be sued by judicial proceed- when the members are talking nonsense and

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Mr. J. V. Reddy has received information that his client, Daniel Higgins, of this city, is the heir at law of property in Australia worth \$50,000. Other claimants are, however, in possession, and Mr. Higgins will have to eject them by the due process and ediousness of law.

vacant by the resignation of Mr. A. Bol-

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS .- Carter US. Dulaney. Fully argued by Mr. Brooke, counsel for appellant, and by Mr. Payne, ounsel for appellees, and submitted. The case of Patteson, by &c., vs. Bondurant, &c., was submitted upon printed notes. The case of Gayle vs. Wilson and als.

POLICE COURT.—Acting Justice Crutch field disposed of the following cases yester-

will be the first case this morning.

day: Thomas Skinner alias Tom Berry (colored) was acquitted of a charge of petit larceny.

Twenty-two parties charged with baving unlicensed dogs or wagons were discharged, and one case was continued until

LADIES' ENTERTAINMENT AT TRINITY CHURCH.—The ladies of this church will provide an entertainment for their friends and the public generally, in the lectureroom, on Monday and Tuesday night next. To make the occasion pass off pleasantly, and induce all to attend, they will have a bountiful supply of good things for both nights, and also open on Tuesday during he day to accommodate the young folks who cannot attend at night. A substantial supper will be given, and ice-cream, candies, and cake, in variety and abundance, at moderate prices. As the object is to raise unds for benevolent purposes all who paricipate will have the satisfaction of knowing that while they enjoy themselves they are also contributing to a good cause.

A Conundrum.

Editors Dispatch: I am aware that you are not much given to answering conundrums, but somebody can answer this, and as it is a pertinent one I hope that it will receive consideration: Why is it that after the expenditure of so much money on the new reservoir for the purpose of having clear water we never have it when there is the slightest freshet in the river? "H."

THE TELEGRAM of this evening will contain the Associated Press dispatches and a number of specials and much interesting local and miscellaneous matter. It will be for sale on the streets by the boys. Price, one cent.

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THE INTEREST ON THE STATE DEBT TO BE

THE MOFFETT PUNCH A GREAT SUCCESS. WE ARE NOW ON THE EVE OF PROSPERITY, LEVY BROTHERS

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you can get elsewhere for \$2. ALMOND-CHOCOLATE CARAMELS .- PIZZINI 1 making this nice candy.

CHARGE IT TO BUSTER!-WHITLOCK'S repu ation as THE cigar manufactures of the celebrated Model, Peach, Key West, and other brands, has been honestly won by fair dealing and uniform courtesy, by giving a good article for a reasonable price.

FINE EATING PRUNES at PIZZINI'S. A. GREENTEE, THE CLOTHIER,

has just opened over TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS' WORTH CLOTHING for men, youths, and boys.

Also, a tremendous stock of all kinds of HATS. for men, youths, and children, at one half their

covering-LINOLEUM-has ingratiated itself so rapidly into public favor that it is superseding all poliances heretofore employed for a like purpose The Henrico county road-overseers will Its most remarkable feature is its "extraordinary durability"; in this respect no other floor covering can compare with it. The beautiful designs in which it is manufactured make-it desirable for diningrooms, halls, churches, and every variety of build ing. Kept by all first-class carpet dealers.

MELS, CHOCOLATE and MARSHMALLOW-DROPS

A. GREENTREE, 815 Broad street, the C'othier and Hatter, does not give his goods away, for he sells them at prices so that it would scarcely pay a reasonable person to take them as a gift. Mr. VESUVIUS .- Should an eruption occur in thi

the inhabitants who live in the vicinity, the re mainder, who barely escape with their lives, imme diately move back upon the half-cooled lava, an there live in constant fear of another eruption, fool ishly fancying that the only tenantable portion of the earth rests within the shadow of the great vol cano. This fairly illustrates the force of habit an the persistency with which people cling to opinion when once formed. For example, Dr. Pierce Golden Medical Discovery cures inciplent consum tion, coughs, colds, and all affections of the liver and blood, yet some still depend upon physicians and remedies that have naught but repeated failures to which they can refer. And although Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is sold under a positive guarantee to cure those weaknesses peculiar to women, and notwithstanding that thousands of women bear testimony to its efficacy, and the truth of all statements made coucerning it, many yet submit to the use of caustic and the knife. Again, Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets, no larger than mustard seeds, will positively cure constipation. where it is dependent upon dyspepsia or torpic liver; yet some still depend for relief upon the blue pill " or huge doses of drastic cathartic medicine. In the face of such facts, can we wonder at

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SPONGE PUDDING .- Four beaten eggs, half cur DOOLEY'S YEAST POWDER, half cup of sugar, on pint of cherries or berries well floured. Boil or hour, and serve with sauce.

MALAGA GRAPES .- Go to Pizzini's and ge some of this nice fruit. A HOMELY, OLD-FASHIONED PERFUNE IS LAVender, yet delightfully refreshing and invigorating

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